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<u>Senior Defense Information Systems Agency Employee</u> <u>Indicted on Possession of Child Pornography</u>

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on March 9, 2006, Dr. Charles Lamont Lynch, age 44, of Clifton, Virginia, was indicted by a Federal grand jury at the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia (EDVA), Alexandria, Virginia, on a single count of possession of child pornography, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(b). If convicted, Lynch could be imprisoned for up to 10 years.

Lynch served as the Chief of the Defense Information Systems Agency's (DISA's) Internet Protocol Version 6 Transition Office. He was recently put on leave without pay.

Court documents allege that Lynch has been operating a peer-to-peer file sharing program on a computer in his office at the DISA. Investigating agents seized several computers and over 1,000 CD-ROM disks when they searched Lynch's office. Child pornography was found in computer file folders.

Lynch was arrested in connection with this investigation on March 8, 2006.

This investigation is being conducted by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service (the criminal investigative arm of the OIG, DoD), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the DISA-OIG. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Gerald J. Smagala, Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, Virginia.

For further information, contact Joseph A. McMillan, Special Agent in Charge, DCIS Mid-Atlantic Field Office, at (703) 604-8411.

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